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Box Missing Parts

Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for replying to the outstanding Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application be extended two months from May 28, 2001 to July 28, 2001 by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)) is believed to be \$195.00 for a two month extension for a small entity. Fee payment is provided in our accompanying Check No. 32045. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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